AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 22, lines 1-16, as follows:

~~METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SETTING SYSTEM TIME OUT VALUES IN NODALLY NETWORKED SYSTEMS~~

A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for setting a time out value. A path is identified from a set of paths from the data processing system to a destination to form an identified path, wherein the identified path has a largest latency in the set of paths. The data is routed to the destination using the identified path. The latency is measured for the data sent on the identified path to form a measured latency. The time out value is set using the measured latency, wherein the time out value is used to initiate a computer implemented process.